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Dear Sir:

The reply brief filed 6/19/06 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Denise Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-4189. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday and Thursday from 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sanjiv Shah, can be reached on 571-272-4098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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